

Answer  
May 18.

Göttingen, 22 April, 1866.

Dear N. ASA JAY,

I have received yours of March 15 and 24,  
the latter to-day, both late, and am sorry  
that the former letter did not come in time:  
for I had already sent via Bremen the  
second and last set of the Westphalian reptiles,  
etc. / by steam "America" leaving Bremen  
7 April, so that I could not address the  
sheet as you desired to Westphalia's Leipzig  
correspondent. To learn however the cost,  
which I am afraid you may consider high,  
I have as in the former case taken on  
my own account the re-insurance and the  
postage to Bremen. - I shall be glad  
to receive the Venezuela plants you had offered,  
or any other you have to distribute.

You will have received now pag 1-248  
of the Catalogue and the whole is now  
finished (except the paper, which is in  
print). Wright's promised notices on the  
localities did not arrive, but circumstances  
prevent me from delaying any longer the  
edition of the volume: at the end I have added  
your new or unprinted numbers. I enclose

Wright's notes with my answer, to be forwarded to him. As to his observation on the stamens of *T. andria*, I enclose a flower of no. 156, in which you will see, what I consider as twisted filaments, a character of importance to my case, though depending upon the state of development, as being in connection with the incumbent anthers of the section *Matryphorum*, which in others (e.g. *T. roussetii* and *remouardi*) the anthers are erect. — I do not quite understand, what you tell me about the aestivation of *Andria*: you say, the petals are valvate in the young bud, but they are certainly imbricate afterwards, as you have figured them in your diagram. Now as it seems obvious, that all imbricative organs are valvate in the beginning (when they are still too small to overlap), I suppose, that there is a peculiarity in this respect in *Andria*, which is quite unknown to us.

I shall send the whole edition of the Catalogue to Leipzig to be bound, and then according to your wish 30 copies shall be sent to you (by G. Hermann to Westermann). The price has not yet been fixed,

but afterwards you may pay the copies to me, not to Westermann, or rather take them into account for the last set of Wright's plants, and perhaps also forthcoming collections. I will have little to pay for that set, as it contained few woodcuts, and all duplicates, which I can spare of Wright's entire collection. I have now pressed together to be sent to Prof. Anderson, from whom I expect an answer how they are to be transmitted to him.

Today I have good news from Hooker about the state of his health and his affairs. Ever, Dear friend,

Yours affectionately,  
J. F. Smith.

Many thanks for Turrey's most welcome photograph: just now I possess none of my own, but the first time I meet a good artist, I shall think of sending one.